WAUKESHA COUNTY TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMISSION May 13, 2009

In Attendance:

Sergeant Michael Douglas; Menomonee Falls Police Department

Michael Grulke; Highway Commissioner Representative

Specialist Steven Kraus; City of Waukesha Police Department Representative

Lieutenant Larry LaFavor; Chairman, Traffic Safety Coordinator Ms. Andrea Loeffelholz; DOT Bureau of Transportation Safety

Sergeant Brian Ripplinger; City of Pewaukee Police Department Representative

Sergeant Mark Tushaus; City of Brookfield Police Department

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Traffic Safety Commission Chairman Lieutenant Larry LaFavor at 2:11 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Sergeant Brian Ripplinger of the City of Pewaukee Police Department, made a motion to approve the minutes, and Sergeant Michael Douglas, of the Menomonee Falls Police Department, seconded the motion. The minutes were then approved.

TRAFFIC SAFETY LEGISLATION REPORT

Weekly Fatality Report - Monday, May 11, 2009

Ms. Andrea Loeffelholz stated that 2008 had the lowest fatalities since 1944.

Wisconsin Department Of Transportation - Drivers and Vehicles

This included statistics of fatalities by county as of May 11, 2009. Waukesha County reported 8 in year-to-date statistics.

Legislative Update – April 22, 2009

This included the elements of the 2009 AB-75 Biennial Budget Bill of interest to the highway safety community.

Wisconsin 2007 Safety Facts

One speed-related injury/death occurs every 46.8 minutes, and one alcohol-related fatality/injury occurs every 1.5 hours. One pedestrian is injured or killed every 6.3 hours, one motorcyclist is injured or killed every 3.2 hours, and one bicyclist is injured or killed every 7.7 hours.

Winter Maintenance At A Glance – 2007 – 2008 A Record Setting Winter

There were record snowfalls in southern Wisconsin, and as a result, the statewide use of salt was the highest on the record. Counties in the southern half of the state, where the winter was significantly more severe than average, had the greatest increase in salt use compared with previous winters.

HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS

- Chairman Larry LaFavor reported that the Waukesha Sheriff's Department had five fatalities, as follows:
 - ◆ Date of Accident: 02-13-09 Location: CTH K, .2 mile west of Roberta Drive, Town of Lisbon The 66-year-old female passenger of a white 1994 Pontiac minivan lost control and slid sideways into the path of a 1999 silver Cadillac. Both occupants of the 1994 Pontiac were trapped inside the vehicle and needed to be extricated by fire department personnel. The driver of the 1999 Cadillac was uninjured. The road conditions were snow-covered and slick, due to an ongoing snowfall. The husband of the deceased female, the driver of the 1994 Pontiac, was transported to the hospital with serious chest injuries.
 - Date of Accident: 03-13-09 Location: Townline Road at Plainview Road, Town of Lisbon This was a single vehicle traffic crash in which the driver of a 1997 Chrysler Sebring lost control as he was traveling eastbound on Plainview Road, continued through a stop sign without stopping, nearly struck a northbound vehicle on Townline Road, and eventually launched off the roadway into a ditch/marshy area located just east of Townline Road. The driver, a 46-year-old male, was found unconscious in his vehicle. After being transported by Flight For Life, it was found that he had suffered a severe heart attack
 - Date of Accident: 03-21-09 Location: Winkleman Road at W282 N5811 Winkleman Road, Town of Merton Due to a high rate of speed, the vehicle was traveling southbound on Winkleman Road and was going 139 miles per hour when it crested a hill, landed in the southbound lane, lost control, left the road and impacted a culvert, struck the embankment of a driveway, struck a tree, and came to rest. The 26year-old male driver was ejected, broke through a fence, and came to rest in a field. The male was driving a 2006 turbo-charged high performance Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution.
 - Date of Accident: 03-22-09 Location: CTH D, 30 feet west from Moraine Hills Drive, Town of Ottawa This motorcycle accident involved a 2003 Harley Davidson that was westbound on CTH D, that lost control and left the roadway, striking several trees. The driver, a 43-year-old male, did have several serious medical issues, which may have played a role in this accident.
 - Date of Accident: 05-06-09 Location: CTH N, .5 miles north of Wilton Road, Town of Eagle The driver, a 55-year-old male, was traveling northbound on CTH N in a 2003 Honda Accord at a high rate of speed. He went off the road and struck a large tree. He was ejected from the vehicle and came to rest on the roadway. The vehicle subsequently caught on fire after impact, which was extinguished by the Eagle Fire Department upon their arrival.

HIGH CRASH LOCATIONS / FATALS CONTINUED

• One fatality from the City of Waukesha, as follows:

• Date of Accident: 03-22-09

Location: Eastbound on East Main Street

A 58-year-old male motorcycle driver was the fatality in this crash which occurred at a downtown Waukesha intersection. He was driving a three-wheel custom motorcycle when he collided at East Main Street and Pleasant Street with a sports utility vehicle. He died on the scene when he was trapped under the vehicle.

NEW BUSINESS

Michael Grulke, from the Waukesha County Department of Public Works, stated that CTH SR is scheduled to start 07-15-09 with a completion date of 11-01-09. CTH SR and CTH M is scheduled to start in August with a completion date of 11-01-09. The county's first round-about is at CTH Y and Kelsey. The round-about at Moorland and Beloit will be completed by November, and CTH Y and CTH ES will be open to traffic in November and scheduled as a round-about in 2010. There is a paving program at Barker and North with traffic counters.

NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULED

The next meeting of the Waukesha County Traffic Safety Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12, 2009, at 2:00 p.m., at the City of Waukesha Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT

Specialist Steven Kraus, of the City of Waukesha Police Department, made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Ms. Andrea Loeffelholz; from the Department Of Transportation Bureau of Transportation Safety. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Gregesich Waukesha County Sheriff's Department

(MINUTES APPROVED ON 08-12-09)